

8. Offerers (of sacrifices), they held^a (a mortal existence) : by their pious acts they obtained a share of sacrifices with the gods.

IV. (XXI.)

Rishi and metre the same : the Hymn is' addressed to INBEA and

1. I invoke hither INDRA and A&NI, to whom
Yarḡ^a *III*

•*WQ* desire to present our praise. Let them, who are, both, copious drinkers of the *Soma* juice, (accept the libation).

2. Praise, men_y INDEA and AGOT, in sacrifices; decorate them (with ornaments); and hymn them with hymns.

3. We invoke INDBA and AGNI, — for the benefit of our friend (the institutor of the rite), — -drinkers of the *Soma* juice, to drink the libation.

4. We invoke the two who are fierce (to their foes), to attend the rite where the libation is pre-
pared. INDEA and AGNI, come hither.

5. May those two, INDBA and AGJS^{TI}, who are

^a *AdMrayanta*, they held, or enjoyed, is all the text gives: what they held is not specified. The Scholiast supplies *prduḍn*, vital airs, life : his addition is in harmony with other texts. *Marḡdsah santo ainritatwam dnasith*,—Being mortals, they obtained immortality. Their partaking of sacrifices is, also, repeatedly stated: *SaucUianwand yajniyam IMgdm dnasa*,—By the son of *Sudhamcan* was a sacrificial portion

acquired. [Bee Vol.
III., p. 10G, note 2.] -*Rilhaw vai deseslm tapam*
somapdluun
ubhyajayan, — The *Riblms* won, hy devotion, tliu
drioting of
Soma among the gods.

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